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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Jefferson School of Aviation Collection

Abstract: Black and white photographs of the Jefferson School of Aviation (1929-1931), Jefferson City, Missouri.

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Jefferson School of Aviation opened on August 3, 1929 under the direction of William E. Gundelfinger and T.R. Oberman. The School was located across the Missouri River north of Jefferson City. The School's campus consisted of an airplane hangar (capacity 10), administration building, mechanic's building, dormitory and café. Its first class of students could study to be pilots or mechanics. With the stock market crash of 1929, though, the School became financially insolvent and closed in 1931.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

MS390 Ann Noe Collection

MS433 Dr. Joseph Summers Collection

Kremer, Gary R. Heartland History Volume Two: Essays on the Cultural Heritage of the Central Missouri Region. St. Louis, MO: G. Bradley Publishing, Inc., 2001: pp. 142-144. Call No. R 977.8 K881.

Additional External Resources

“Aviation School Opened with One Student Has Steadily Grown; Many New Buildings Constructed Also.” Jefferson City Post-Tribune Vol. 65 No. 297. 22 December 1929: p. 4.

“Local School of Aviation Now Has Morris Plan.” Jefferson City Post-Tribune Vol. 65 No. 297. 22 December 1929: p. 4.

“To Formally Open Air Port This Week-End. Jefferson City Post-Tribune Vol. 65 No. 170. 03 August 1929: pp. 1-2.

“Views of Airways, One of Fastest Growing Industries.” Jefferson City Post-Tribune Vol. 65 No. 297. 22 December 1929: p. 5.

PHOTOGRAPHS, 1929-1951

Extent: 16 Images

Arrangement: None

Scope and Content

These are black and white 5"x7" copy prints and matching 4"x5" copy negatives made from the originals loaned to the Archives by the donor. Images chronicle the Jefferson School of Aviation, which was in operation from 1929-1931. The series also includes one 1951 flood image. The photographer(s) is unknown.

All images have been digitized and are on Manuscript DVD #8 in Reference as well as the Z Drive.

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